

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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Notice of Intended Action – Chapter 85, Trotlines

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The NRC is requested to approve a Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 85, Trotlines. The proposed rule amendment requires all trotlines to be removed from shore when not actively fished.

The practice of leaving unattended trotline equipment is a growing problem. This practice not only creates an eyesore along Iowa's rivers, but also creates problems when this equipment inadvertently catches birds, mammals, and fish. This equipment also poses a considerable risk to boaters and other users of the river systems. Requiring the removal of unused lines is in the best interest of the vast majority of river users, as well as the wildlife that inhabit our rivers.

Marion Conover, Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
July 10, 2008

Attachment: NOIA - Chapter 85 Rule, Trotlines

## NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

### Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 85, "Trotlines," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment requires all trotlines to be removed from shore when not being actively fished.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 12, 2008. Such written materials should be directed to Marion Conover, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794; or e-mail Marion.Conover@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Fisheries Bureau at (515)281-5208 or at the Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

Also, there will be a public hearing August 22, 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any person who intends to attend a public hearing and has special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, and 481A.73.

The following amendment is proposed.

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Amend rule 571--85.1(481A) by adopting the following new subrule:

**85.1(1)** Removal of lines. All trotlines and parts thereof shall be removed from the shore when not being actively fished. A trotline shall be considered actively fished if at least once daily the trotline is left with at least one baited hook in the water with the intention of catching fish.

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Richard A. Leopold, Director